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BOOK REVIEWS.

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The Mechanics' and Materialmen's Lien Laws of the Southeastern States, including Alabama—Florida—Georgia—Kentucky—Mississippi—North Carolina—South Carolina—Tennessee—and Virginia—with the Act of Congress of 1905. Compiled and annotated with abstracts of the decisions of the State and Federal Courts, by Henry A. Alexander of the Atlanta Bar., Atlanta, Georgia. Southeastern Publishing Company. 1909. Price \$6.00.

The author—if we may judge of his work as to the law of the other states, by that of Virginia—has given us a most excellent hand-book of the Statutes and Decisions on the Lien Laws of nine states. His work is logically arranged, accurate, thorough and well indexed. A brief abstract of every decision pertaining to the subject follows each division of the Statute and both Federal and State cases are given. The Federal Statute of 1905 for the protection of contractors and material men upon public works of the United States with decisions construing it is given as an Appendix.

We know of no work which can take the place of this volume for ready reference and its value must grow with each use of it. We have placed it on the same shelf with our own Code and Digest.

The Laws of England, being a complete statement of the whole Law of England, by the Right Honourable Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, 85—86—86—92 and 92—05. Vol. 7, containing Constitutional Law (concluded) Contempt of Court—Contracts. London. Butterworth & Co.; Cromarty Law Book Company, 1112 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Penn.; and Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y., Sole Agents for the United States. 1909. Price \$7.50, net.

The very interesting treatise on Constitutional Law is concluded in the present volume of this great work, and the two other articles on "Contempt" and "Contract" are valuable contributions to the "Law Universal" on these subjects. We have read with care the article on "Contracts" and find it not only a clear and scholarly presentation of the subject, but one which is of distinct usefulness to any lawyer in this country. It is "infinite riches in a little room" and the curt, crisp way in which its propositions are announced renders it pleasant reading and easily quotable. The "get up" of this work, both from a literary and mechanical standpoint, renders each volume pleasant to inspect, read and handle.